
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
GAINESVILLE DIVISION**

**2:17-cv-00120-RWS
Holland et al v. Cypress Insurance Company et al
Honorable Richard W. Story**

Minute Sheet for proceedings held In Open Court on 02/06/2020.

TIME COURT COMMENCED: 8:30 A.M.

TIME COURT CONCLUDED: 3:25 P.M.

TIME IN COURT: 3:30

OFFICE LOCATION: Gainesville

COURT REPORTER: Amanda Lohnaas

DEPUTY CLERK: Stacey Kemp

ATTORNEY(S)
PRESENT:

Robert Lazenby representing Patricia Holland
Robert Lazenby representing Wayne Holland
William Pate representing Cypress Insurance Company
William Pate representing JW Harper Farms
William Pate representing Keri Bell
Grant Smith representing Cypress Insurance Company
Grant Smith representing JW Harper Farms
Grant Smith representing Keri Bell

OTHER(S) PRESENT: Kelly Salmonsens, Law Clerk'

PROCEEDING
CATEGORY:

Jury Trial Concluded

PLEADINGS FILED
IN COURT:

Defendants' Oral Motion for Mistrial; Plaintiffs' Oral Motion for Hearing;

MINUTE TEXT:

Day Four - Jury Trial. The Court DENIED Defendants' Oral Motion for Directed Verdict as to Cypress Insurance. The Court gave permission for Defendants to file the correspondence related to the directed verdict motion into the record of the case. The Court read the parties' Stipulations of Facts to the jury. Closing arguments presented to the jury by counsel followed by the jury charge. Jurors then returned to the jury room to begin deliberations. Defendants objected to the jury charge. Defendants' Oral Motion for Mistrial was DENIED. Verdict delivered in favor of plaintiffs in the amount of \$13,000,000 for wrongful death, \$2,000,000 for pain and suffering and \$29,363 for

medical and funeral expenses. The jury found that plaintiffs did prove by a preponderance of the evidence that James Harper acted in bad faith in the transaction in this case. The second phase of the jury trial as to litigation expenses began after the mid-day break. Counsel presented opening statements. Plaintiffs' witness, Matt Cook, was sworn and testified. Plaintiffs' exhibits 84-86 were admitted. The Court charged the jury and deliberations began. Verdict delivered in favor of plaintiff in the amount of \$6,000,000 for Litigation expenses. The Court took Plaintiffs' Oral Motion for a hearing UNDER ADVISEMENT. Jurors excused.

HEARING STATUS: Hearing Concluded

VERDICT: in Favor of Plaintiffs.

TRIAL STATUS: Trial Completed-Completed by Jury Verdict

EXHIBIT STATUS: Exhibits retained by the Court to be forwarded to the Clerks Office.